

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method comprising:
2 selecting a registration resource at a first location;
3 assigning the registration resource to a customer at a second location; and
4 releasing the registration resource at the second location independently of the first
5 location.
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- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 the first location causing the assigning of the registration resource at the second location.
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- 1 3. The method of claim 2 further comprising:
2 the second location communicating an error to the first location when a selected
3 registration resource is already assigned.
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- 1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 releasing the registration resource in response to assignment of a service resource to the
3 customer.
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- 1 5. A method comprising:
2 at a first location, selecting a first registration MSISDN number from a set;
3 communicating the first registration MSISDN number to a second location;
4 communicating a first request to the second location to assign the first registration
5 MSISDN to a customer;
6 receiving an error from the second location indicating that the assignment failed;
7 at the first location, selecting a second registration MSISDN number from the set;
8 communicating the second registration MSISDN number to the second location; and
9 communicating a second request to the second location to assign the second registration
10 MSISDN to the customer.

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1 6. The method of claim 5 wherein selecting the first and second registration MSISDN
2 numbers further comprises:
3 selecting the first and second registration MSISDN numbers using one of a random and
4 pseudo-random selection process.
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1 7. The method of claim 5 further comprising:
2 the second location assigning the second registration MSISDN to the customer; and
3 the second location releasing the assignment of the second registration MSISDN
4 independently of the first location.
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1 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising:
2 communicating service options to the customer;
3 the second location releasing the assignment of the second registration MSISDN upon a
4 selection of a service plan by the customer; and
5 the second location assigning a service MSISDN to the customer.
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1 9. A method comprising:
2 receiving at a second location a first registration resource selected at a first location;
3 receiving at the second location a request to assign the first registration resource to a
4 customer;
5 determining at the second location that the first registration resource is already assigned
6 to another customer;
7 returning to the first location an error;
8 receiving at the second location a second registration resource selected at the first
9 location;
10 receiving at the second location a request to assign the second registration resource to
11 the customer;

12 determining at the second location that the second registration resource is not already
13 assigned to another customer; and
14 assigning the second registration resource to the customer.
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1 10. The method of claim 9 further comprising:
2 receiving at the second location an indication that the customer has selected a service
3 plan;
4 assigning a service resource to the customer; and
5 releasing the assignment of the second registration resource independently of the first
6 location.
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1 11. A system comprising:
2 a provisioning system comprising a set of registration resources;
3 a registry system comprising a customer registry and a list of assigned and otherwise
4 unavailable registration resources;
5 wherein the provisioning system selects a registration resource independently of the
6 registry system, the registry system assigns the registration resource to a customer in
7 response to a request from the provisioning system, provided that the registration
8 resource is not identified in the list of assigned and otherwise unavailable registration
9 resources, and the registry system releases the registration resource independently of
10 the provisioning system upon receiving an indication that the customer selected a
11 service plan.
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1 12. The system of claim 11, the registry further comprising:
2 an association of a customer number and the registration resource.
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1 13. An article comprising:
2 a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by a data
3 processing device, result in

receiving at a second location a first registration resource selected at a first location;
receiving at the second location a request to assign the first registration resource to a
customer;
determining at the second location that the first registration resource is already assigned
to another customer;
returning to the first location an error;
receiving at the second location a second registration resource selected at the first
location;
receiving at the second location a request to assign the second registration resource to
the customer;
determining at the second location that the second registration resource is not already
assigned to another customer; and
assigning the second registration resource to the customer.

14. The article of claim 13 comprising instructions which, when executed by the data
processing device, further result in:
receiving at the second location an indication that the customer has selected a service
plan;
assigning a service resource to the customer; and
releasing the assignment of the second registration resource independently of the first
location.

15. A method comprising:
in response to receiving an identification of a new customer, selecting a first registration
resource from a set of registration resources to assign to the customer;
communicating the new customer identification and the first registration resource to a
registry system;
receiving an error from the registry system, indicating an assignment of the first
registration resource to the customer failed; and

8 in response to the error, selecting a second registration resource from the set to assign to
9 the customer.

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1 16. The method of claim 15 further comprising:
2 communicating the new customer identification and the second registration resource to
3 the registry system; and
4 receiving an acknowledgement from the registry system, indicating an assignment of the
5 second registration resource to the customer succeeded.

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1 17. An apparatus comprising:
2 a machine-readable media comprising instructions which, when executed by a data
3 processing device, result in
4 in response to receiving an identification of a new customer, selecting a first registration
5 resource from a set of registration resources to assign to the customer;
6 communicating the new customer identification and the first registration resource to a
7 registry system;
8 receiving an error from the registry system, indicating an assignment of the first
9 registration resource to the customer failed; and
10 in response to the error, selecting a second registration resource from the set to assign to
11 the customer.

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1 18. The media of claim 17 further comprising instructions which, when executed, result
2 in:
3 communicating the new customer identification and the second registration resource to
4 the registry system; and
5 receiving an acknowledgement from the registry system, indicating an assignment of the
6 second registration resource to the customer succeeded.

1 19. An apparatus comprising:
2 a processor; and
3 a machine-readable media comprising instructions which, when executed by the
4 processor, result in
5 in response to receiving an identification of a new customer, selecting a first registration
6 resource from a set of registration resources to assign to the customer;
7 communicating the new customer identification and the first registration resource to a
8 registry system;
9 receiving an error from the registry system, indicating an assignment of the first
10 registration resource to the customer failed; and
11 in response to the error, selecting a second registration resource from the set to assign to
12 the customer.
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1 20. The apparatus of claim 19 further comprising instructions which, when executed by
2 the processor, result in:
3 communicating the new customer identification and the second registration resource to
4 the registry system; and
5 receiving an acknowledgement from the registry system, indicating an assignment of the
6 second registration resource to the customer succeeded.
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1 21. An apparatus comprising:
2 a processor; and
3 a machine-readable medium comprising instructions which, when executed by the
4 processor, result in
5 receiving at a second location a first registration resource selected at a first location;
6 receiving at the second location a request to assign the first registration resource to a
7 customer;
8 determining at the second location that the first registration resource is already assigned
9 to another customer;

10 returning to the first location an error;
11 receiving at the second location a second registration resource selected at the first
12 location;
13 receiving at the second location a request to assign the second registration resource to
14 the customer;
15 determining at the second location that the second registration resource is not already
16 assigned to another customer; and
17 assigning the second registration resource to the customer.

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1 22. The apparatus of claim 21 further comprising instructions which, when executed by
2 the processor, further result in:
3 receiving at the second location an indication that the customer has selected a service
4 plan;
5 assigning a service resource to the customer; and
6 releasing the assignment of the second registration resource independently of the first
7 location.
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